

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A packaging and application device for a product, the device comprising:

a receptacle having a longitudinal axis and a passageway, said receptacle adapted for containing the product;

a porous or fibrous applicator element capable of communicating with the product contained in said receptacle through said passageway;

a dispensing element adapted for opening and closing said passageway, said dispensing element including a mobile part rotatable about said longitudinal axis and movable, wherein said mobile part is capable of moving between a first position in which said passageway is closed and a second position in which said passageway is open, wherein rotational movement of said mobile part relative to said receptacle is accompanied by a linear movement of said mobile part along said longitudinal axis; and

a closure cap capable of attachment by means of a screw thread onto said dispensing element, wherein said closure cap constitutes an enclosed holder for said applicator element, wherein rotational movement of said closure cap about said longitudinal axis causes the opening and closing of said passageway.

2. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said mobile part of said dispensing element is capable of moving independently of said closure cap.

3. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said closure cap is capable of being screwed onto said dispensing element irrespective of the position of said mobile part.

4. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said mobile part is mobile relative to said receptacle in rotation only about said longitudinal axis, wherein said passageway is remote from said longitudinal axis.

5. (cancelled).

6. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1-5, further comprising a screw thread located on said dispensing element, wherein said mobile part is mobile relative to said receptacle by means of said screw thread.

7. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said dispensing element includes a fixed part having at least one wall, wherein said passageway is closed off by engagement between said wall of said dispensing element and an opening is formed in said mobile part of said dispensing element.

8. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said applicator element is mounted on the device in a removable manner.

9. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a holder adapted for containing at least one additional applicator element.

10. (previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein said holder contains a plurality of said applicator elements.

11. (previously presented) The device according to claim 9 or 10, wherein said holder is formed in said closure cap.

12. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said applicator element is a block of foam.

13. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the device is adapted to facilitate the application of a product onto human nails.

14. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said receptacle comprises a deformable wall.

15. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said receptacle contains a cosmetic product.

16. (previously presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein said cosmetic product is adapted for the removal of a beauty product from keratin material.

17. (previously presented) Use of a device according to claim 1 for the removal of nail varnish.

18. (new) A packaging and application device for a product, the device comprising:

a receptacle having a longitudinal axis and a passageway, said receptacle adapted for containing the product;

a porous or fibrous applicator element capable of communicating with the product contained in said receptacle through said passageway;

a dispensing element adapted for opening and closing said passageway, said dispensing element including a mobile part

rotatable about said longitudinal axis and movable, wherein said mobile part is capable of moving between a first position in which said passageway is closed and a second position in which said passageway is open; and

a closure cap capable of attachment by means of a screw thread onto said dispensing element, wherein said closure cap constitutes an enclosed holder for said applicator element, wherein rotational movement of said closure cap about said longitudinal axis causes the opening and closing of said passageway, wherein rotational movement of said mobile part relative to said receptacle is accompanied by a linear movement of said mobile part along said longitudinal axis, said dispensing element further including a screw thread, wherein said mobile part is mobile relative to said receptacle by means of said screw thread.

19. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said mobile part of said dispensing element is capable of moving independently of said closure cap.

20. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said closure cap is capable of being screwed onto said dispensing element irrespective of the position of said mobile part.

21. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said mobile part is mobile relative to said receptacle in rotation only about said longitudinal axis, wherein said passageway is remote from said longitudinal axis.

22. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said dispensing element includes a fixed part having at least one wall, wherein said passageway is closed off by engagement

between said wall of said dispensing element and an opening is formed in said mobile part of said dispensing element.

23. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said applicator element is mounted on the device in a removable manner.

24. (new) The device according to claim 18, further comprising a holder adapted for containing at least one additional applicator element.

25. (new) The device according to claim 24, wherein said holder contains a plurality of said applicator elements.

26. (new) The device according to claim 24 or 25, wherein said holder is formed in said closure cap.

27. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said applicator element is a block of foam.

28. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein the device is adapted to facilitate the application of a product onto human nails.

29. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said receptacle comprises a deformable wall.

30. (new) The device according to claim 18, wherein said receptacle contains a cosmetic product.

31. (new) The device according to claim 30, wherein said cosmetic product is adapted for the removal of a beauty product from keratin material.

32. (new) Use of a device according to claim 18 for the removal of nail varnish.

33. (new) A packaging and application device for a product, the device comprising:

a receptacle having a longitudinal axis and a passageway, said receptacle containing a cosmetic product, wherein said cosmetic product is a nail varnish remover, said receptacle having an operable end for applying said nail varnish remover;

a porous or fibrous applicator element capable of communicating with the product contained in said receptacle through said passageway;

a dispensing element adapted for opening and closing said passageway, said dispensing element including a mobile part rotatable about said longitudinal axis and movable, wherein said mobile part is capable of moving between a first position in which said passageway is closed and a second position in which said passageway is open; and

a closure cap capable of attachment by means of a screw thread onto said dispensing element so as to close said operable end of said receptacle, wherein said closure cap constitutes an enclosed holder for said applicator element, wherein rotational movement of said closure cap about said longitudinal axis causes the opening and closing of said passageway.